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Status of the implementation of the strategic deployment stocks

Report of the Secretary-General

Summary

The present report is submitted in compliance with General Assembly resolution 57/315 of 18 June 2003, in which the Assembly requested the Secretary-General to report to the Assembly at its fifty-eighth session on the implementation of the strategic deployment stocks.

The actions to be taken by the General Assembly are set out in paragraph 8 of the report.

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I. Introduction

1. The present report is submitted in compliance with General Assembly resolution 57/315 of 18 June 2003, in which the Assembly, having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the status of the implementation of the strategic deployment stocks of 12 March 2003 (A/57/751), requested the Secretary-General to report to the Assembly at its fifty-eighth session on the implementation of the stocks. In the same resolution, the Assembly endorsed the conclusions and recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions contained in its report of 3 April 2003 (A/57/772/Add.9).

II. Status of the implementation of the strategic deployment stocks

2. Substantial progress has been made in the creation of the strategic deployment stocks. By December 2002, the Department of Peacekeeping Operations had positioned sufficient stocks at the United Nations Logistics Base to facilitate the rapid deployment of the headquarters for a traditional peacekeeping mission and by June 2003, it had significantly advanced towards having the capability to deploy rapidly the immediate operational capability for a traditional peacekeeping mission. As at 31 December 2003, strategic deployment stocks facilitated the rapid deployment and operational readiness of the United Nations Mission in Liberia, the United Nations Mission in Côte d'Ivoire, the United Nations Monitoring, Verification and Inspection Commission and the Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General in Iraq.

3. At 30 June 2003, stockholdings of strategic deployment stocks at the United Nations Logistics Base were valued at $23 million. In addition to procurement from resources approved by the General Assembly, those holdings were supplemented by equipment valued at $21 million, transferred from the Department's reserve and surplus stocks from peacekeeping missions. Details concerning those transfers were previously reported in the aforementioned report of the Secretary-General (A/57/751).

4. A summary of the status of procurement actions related to the strategic deployment stocks is provided in table 1 below. As at 30 June 2003, of the total budget of $141,546,000, expenditures amounted to $88,902,181. The General Assembly, in its resolution 57/315, extended the validity of the approved resources to 30 June 2004. Accordingly, the balance of $52,643,816 has been carried forward to the 2003/04 financial period.

5. As at 31 December 2003, equipment valuing $25 million had been issued to new and ongoing missions and a total expenditure of $32,061,332 was recorded against the carried forward balance of $52,643,816.

6. Table 2 below provides information on the status of unliquidated obligations of $53,250,581 as of 30 June 2003. Of the total unliquidated obligations of $53,250,581, it is projected that $38,663,000 will be disbursed by the first quarter of 2004 and that all obligations will be liquidated by June 2004.

Table 1
Procurement status of the strategic deployment stocks as at 30 June 2003

(Thousands of US dollars)

Category	*Obligation*	*Disbursement*	*Total expenditure*	*Carried forward to 2003/04*
General temporary assistance	-	1 015	1 015	407
Facilities and infrastructure	20 388	14 349	34 737	9 318
Ground transportation	5 746	5 148	10 894	32 491
Communications	21 719	6 637	28 356	3 090
Information technology	4 154	6 596	10 750	2 258
Medical	196	-	196	3 044
Special equipment	-	-	-	566
Miscellaneous supplies and services	1 047	1 907	2 954	1 470
Total	**53 250**	**35 652**	**88 902**	**52 644**

Table 2
Status of obligations of the strategic deployment stocks as at 31 December 2003

(Thousands of US dollars)

Category	*Obligations as of 30 June 2003*	*Obligations as of 30 September 2003*	*Obligations as of 31 December 2003*	*Obligations as of 31 March 2004 (projected)*	*Obligations as of 30 June 2004 (projected)*
General temporary assistance	-	-	-	-	-
Facilities and infrastructure	20 388	17 189	10 911	4 087	-
Ground transportation	5 746	4 383	3 227	2 000	-
Communications	21 719	19 398	15 907	8 500	-
Information technology	4 154	2 252	234	-	-
Medical	196	186	214	-	-
Special equipment	-	-	-	-	-
Miscellaneous supplies and services	1 047	700	167	-	-
Total	**53 250**	**44 108**	**30 660**	**14 587**	**-**

7. The first release of the Galileo Inventory Management System has been implemented at the United Nations Logistics Base and at Headquarters to manage the strategic deployment stocks. The System is currently implemented in the United Nations Mission in Kosovo for testing and further refinements, if necessary, before being rolled out to the other peacekeeping missions.

III. Actions to be taken by the General Assembly

8. **The General Assembly is requested to take note of the progress made by the Secretariat in the implementation of the strategic deployment stocks.**